

Roxbury, June 7, 1874.

My dear Wendell:

Your letter of yesterday reveals a disappointment at my not being with you at the Park to-day, for which I was not prepared; but, of course, I could not foresee that such an arrangement would be made for me to meet dear Mrs. Mott and the other friends at the Lords. I regret it has so turned out. And now, in regard to my leaving for New York on Wednesday. If any of Mr. McKim's relatives are waiting to make him a visit, and especially if they have been making their calculations to be at the Park this week, I think their claims are paramount to mine, and therefore they ought to have the precedence. If, however, it is your wish that I should come on the day specified, and not postpone my visit till some time in July, (as Frank and I expect to be gone on

our tour till about the first of next month,) either send me a telegram to that effect to-morrow, or, what will do quite as well, drop me a line by to-morrow's mail, which will reach me seasonably on Tuesday forenoon. Decide according to your best judgment.

Your letter brings discouraging intelligence as to the condition of Mr. McKim. But his case is one notable for raising alternate hopes and fears, and the uncertainty may be protracted for a considerable period. Yet it will be both painful and pleasurable to see him as he is, and before any change for the worse (if it may come) ^{shall} ~~should~~ take place. It is desirable that the visit, brief as it must prove, shall be well-timed. I shall be ready to delay it, or to make it this week, in accordance with your decision.

I had a suspicion that the little hind wheel of the invalid's chair

was not exactly right, and yet I could not detect what needed to be done. It is pleasant to know that Mr. McKim can use it on his extended piazza with comfort to himself. What solicitude you must all experience as to his illness! Dear Mrs. McKim and Lucy, we feel intensely with and for them.

Tell Lloyd that grandma was very much pleased to receive his letter to her, and, as a first effort, we all think it creditable to him, and as a curiosity worthy of preservation. As Agnes is also able to make both written and printed characters, the two should enter into correspondence with each other.

We wanted you with us on your birthday to receive our congratulations, but you could have no doubt that we affectionately remembered it.

With the tenderest regards to Mr. and Mrs. McKim, Lucy and Charles, I remain,
Your loving Father.

